

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Billig on 6/2/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims:

Claims 9-22 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art does not teach or suggest an address generator including a first bank circuitry configured to receive a first group of timing pulses from a series of timing pulses and generate a first sequence of varying address signals in response to the first group of timing pulses, wherein the first sequence of varying address signals is adapted to enable the first group of fluid ejection elements; and second bank circuitry configured to receive a second group of timing pulses from the series of timing pulses and generate a second sequence of varying address signals in response to the second group of timing pulses, wherein the second sequence of varying address signals is adapted to enable the second group of fluid ejection elements.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ota et al. (US 6236465 B1) disclose two address generators; however, it does not disclose a varying signal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAURA E. MARTIN whose telephone number is (571)272-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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